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SUBJECT: CUBAN ACTIVITY IN IRAQ

1. THERE IS NO EVIDENCE AVAILABLE HERE TO SUGGEST THAT CUBAN-IRAQI RELATIONS ARE DIRECTED AGAINST IRAN. CUBA DOES HAVE EXCELLENT RELATIONS WITH IRAQ, BASED UPON SHARED INTERESTS IN THE NONALIGNED MOVEMENT AND CASTRO'S PERSONAL CULTIVATION OF SADDAM HUSSEIN. (THE CUBAN EMBASSY DELIVERS A SUPPLY OF HAVANA CIGARS TO THE VICE CHAIRMAN MONTHLY, AND HUSSEIN HAS RECIPROCATED BY UNUSUALLY WARM GESTURES, SUCH AS CALLING ON THE CUBAN AMBASSADOR FOR THE LATTER'S NATIONAL DAY.) IRAQ ALSO IMPORTS SIGNIFICANT QUANTITIES OF CUBAN SUGAR FOR LOCAL REFINING.

2. RECENT VISIT OF RODRIQUEZ, REPORTED SEPARATELY TO SECSTATE AND HAVANA, IS SUBJECT OF MUCH SPECULATION. LOCAL OBSERVERS BELIEVE IT WAS PROBABLY RELATED TO POLITICS OF NONALIGNED MOVEMENT (HAVANA AND BAGHDAD ARE CONFIDENTIAL

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BOTH HOSTING UPCOMING CONFERENCES) AND TO CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS IN HORN OF AFRICA. IRAQ SIDES AGAINST CUBA ON LATTER ISSUE, BUT CUBAN ENVOY MAY HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN GETTING IRAQIS TO GIVE A POLITE HEARING TO A VISITOR FROM ETHIOPIA AND, SUGGESTS ONE REPORT, TO ACT AS MEDIATOR IN ETHIOPIA'S DISPUTES WITH THE SOMALIS AND ERITREANS.
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